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service and the best advantage to the persons concerned, that is to say, the patients and the institutions. With reference to the Assistant Public Prosecutors, the cadre represents the old Prosecuting Police Inspectors and I do not think it would serve the best interests of the prosecutions if we apply the communal rule there. But the communal proportion is always kept in view even in these matters."

SRI DIWAN BAHADUR R. SRINIVASAN:—"May I know, Sir, whether according to this rule, a member of the scheduled classes after entering service will be seriously affected because of his conversion to some other faith and will his appointment be given to candidates of other communities because of his conversion?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"I am afraid that we cannot penalize one who has already got an appointment or a piece of property on the basis of his original faith, simply because of his subsequent conversion. It is impossible to penalize a convert on that basis. But in regard to fresh recruiting, those who have been already converted will be appointed according to the communal rule but when once a man has found his place it is impossible to interfere with his position because of his subsequent conversion."

SRI DIWAN BAHADUR R. SRINIVASAN:—"May I ask, Sir, whether in the case of a scheduled class member thus affected, his claims will be considered and given the next chance?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"It would not be mathematically possible and because a man has got other places on account of his caste or community, it could not again be revived. It is unfortunate, but such cases are extremely rare and I am surprised that the hon. Member is exercising his mind over such matters."

Compulsory retirement and hardship caused to Government servants.

* 9 *Q.*—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased—

(*a*) to place before the House the most recent Government Order in regard to the compulsory retirement of Government servants (non-gazetted) at a particular age

and to state—

(*b*) whether such of those as would be entitled to retention up to the age of sixty, were given previous notice as to the enforcement of the new rule;

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(*c*) if not, whether Government have received complaints on the alleged hardship on account of the sudden enforcement of the new rule; and

(*d*) what action Government have taken or propose to take on the representations by way of a solatium or compensation?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" (*a*) A copy [a] of G.O. No. 16, Finance, dated 20th January 1939, is laid on the table.

" (*b*) No non-gazetted Government servant had any right to be retained in Government service up to the age of 60 years. A ministerial servant could be retained in service after attaining the age of 55 years only if he continued to be efficient and extensions could not be granted for more than one year at a time. Executive instructions had also been issued stressing the necessity for exercising great care when granting such extensions. As under the old rules a ministerial servant could be retired on attaining the age of 55 years, no previous notice was given when the age of compulsory retirement was fixed at 55 years.

" (*c*) The answer is in the negative. There was also no sudden change in the rules as in the circumstances explained in answer to clause (*b*) the grant of extensions was rather the exception than the rule even before the issue of G.O. No. 16, Finance, dated 20th January 1939.

" (*d*) Does not arise."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—" May I ask, Sir, why a man who is hale and healthy and who expects to have extension, is not granted extension, because in many cases hardship is entailed if suddenly they are deprived of extension, while other persons at 59 are given extension up to 60? "

MR. PRESIDENT:—" It is not a supplementary question anyhow."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—" Is it not a fact that the Government recently compelled a man to retire and appointed another man who was more than the age of the person retired? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" If the merits of the case were looked into impartially by the Leader of the Opposition, he will find out the reasons for it."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether the Government are not aware of the merits of the case? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALCAHARIAR:—" I would like the Leader of the Opposition to give me the particulars of the case."

Income of the Vizianagram Estate and expenditure for repairs of water sources.

* 10 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the income of the Vizianagram Estate; and

(*b*) the expenditure incurred by the estate for repairs of all water sources in the years 1937–38 and 1938–39?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to Statements III and IV at pages 14–18 and Appendix F at page 20 of the Report on the Administration of the Estates under the Court of Wards in fasli 1347 (1937–38) a copy of which is available in the library of the Madras Legislature. Figures for 1938–39 are not yet available."

Relief for non-agricultural debtors.

* 11 *Q.*—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state what steps Government propose to take for the relief of non-agricultural debtors as in the case of agricultural debtors?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI:—The Government have under consideration certain proposals for the relief of indebtedness among industrial workers and the agricultural and fishermen labourers."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—" Having regard to the fact that there is widespread depression all over the country, will the Government expedite the measures for the relief of indebtedness? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI:—" Yes, Sir."

Extension of the municipal area of Mangalore.

* 12 *Q.*—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to the answers given to my questions Nos. 262 and 263 on 12th May 1939, will the Hon. Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the difficulties in the way of extension to the municipal area of Mangalore have been removed and when orders will be passed on the scheme?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:—" The matter is still under consideration."